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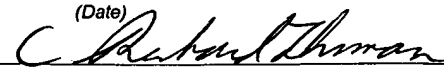
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This is a reply to the Office Action dated October 25, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 are subject to an election of species requirement.

The **Current Status of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.